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The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice is seeking applications for funding under the 2008 W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by sponsoring research to provide objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to meet the challenges of crime and justice, particularly at the State and local levels.

Solicitation: W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program 2008

Eligibility

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Deadline

All applications are due February 1, 2008, 11:59 p.m. eastern time.

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This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1–800–518–4726.

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CFDA No. 16.566

Overview

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and a component of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP). NIJ provides objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to enhance the administration of justice and public safety. NIJ solicits proposals to inform its search for the knowledge and tools to guide policy and practice.

The W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program seeks to advance knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. The Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts within the United States.

Deadline: Registration

Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, if you are a first time registrant, it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated and confirmed and to receive your user password. Start the registration process early to prevent delays that may cause you to miss the application deadline. You must complete these three steps before you are able to register: 1) Register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR), 2) Register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and 3) Be authorized as an AOR by your organization. For more information, visit www.grants.gov. **Note: Your CCR Registration must be renewed once a year. Failure to renew your CCR registration may prohibit submission of a grant application through Grants.gov.**

Deadline: Application

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is **February 1, 2008, 11:59 p.m. eastern time.**

Eligibility

In general, NIJ is authorized to make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, States (including territories), local governments (including federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions), nonprofit organizations, profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and certain qualified individuals. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations: Consistent with President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13279, dated December 12, 2002, and 28 C.F.R. Part 38, it

is DOJ policy that faith-based and other community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under DOJ programs are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and other community organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and, if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization.

Faith-based organizations receiving DOJ assistance awards retain their independence and do not lose or have to modify their religious identity (e.g., removing religious symbols) to receive assistance awards. DOJ grant funds, however, may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Inherently religious activity is permissible, although it cannot occur during an activity funded with DOJ grant funds; rather, such religious activity must be separate in time or place from the DOJ-funded program. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary. Programs funded by DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Civil Rights Compliance section under "Additional Requirements" in this announcement.

Specific Information—W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program 2008

W.E.B. Du Bois (1868–1963) was an early leader in the struggle for racial equality in the United States. As a social scientist, Du Bois used objective methods to challenge discriminatory ideologies and institutions to advocate social change. His classic study *"The Philadelphia Negro,"* published in 1899, was a groundbreaking sociological study of that city's black community, one of the first research projects to combine urban ethnography, social history, and descriptive statistics.

Recognizing the dynamic influence of community factors on crime, violence, and justice, and in the tradition of the work of W.E.B. Du Bois, NIJ's W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program seeks to advance the field of knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts. Du Bois Fellows will focus on criminal justice-relevant policy questions in a manner that reflects their saliency as an integral part of the American past, present, and, increasingly, the future. The Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts. Any research funded under this solicitation should have direct implications for criminal justice policy and practice in the United States.

The Du Bois Fellowship complements NIJ's other fellowship programs and provides talented researchers with an opportunity early in their professional career to elevate independently generated research and ideas to the level of national discussion. Du Bois Fellows will contribute to NIJ's national criminal justice research program by studying topics of mutual interest to the Fellow and NIJ. Researchers from all academic

disciplines are encouraged to apply. Due to the nature of this Fellowship, NIJ strongly encourages applicants with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Fellowship grants are typically 12 months in duration. Fellows are encouraged to spend a period of residence at NIJ and to prepare reports suitable for publication by NIJ that summarize the results and policy implications of their research. NIJ will negotiate specific products with Fellows during the pre-award period.

Fellows also may be asked to—

- Participate in developing plans for nationally significant criminal justice research programs relating to the Fellow's proposed research and field of expertise.

- Interact with NIJ staff and other Fellows.

- Develop and make presentations to inform and involve NIJ's research and development community and program partners in discussion and interpretation of research findings and policy implications.

- Assist NIJ in the development of informational materials for new or current projects.

The Du Bois Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts within the United States. Researchers may choose from, but are not limited to, the following list of broad topic areas:

Immigration, crime, and victimization: examine incidents of crime, hate crime, violence, and victimization within immigrant populations; justice system responses; justice system innovations addressing the needs of immigrant populations; and illegal immigration, with a focus on law enforcement issues and the administration of justice within the United States.

Trafficking in human beings: conduct empirical study of trafficking in human beings (via coercion or fraud), and the criminal justice response. Research should focus on issues of incidence, prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of human trafficking within the United States.

Transnational crime: examine instances in which crime and crime control efforts extend beyond national boundaries and the implications for sound preventive and intervention practices at the Federal, State, or local levels.

Police-community relations: consider the impact of race, ethnicity, gender, and culture on law enforcement effectiveness and perceptions of justice; weigh factors of language, culture, and socio-historical perceptions of law enforcement as these issues affect the ability of police—as individuals and organizations—to serve communities.

Courts, sentencing, and corrections: determine the influence of race, ethnicity, gender, and culture on prosecutorial charging decisions, sentencing practices, and disparities in representation; consider the needs of diverse populations within the

correctional system and current programmatic responses addressing rehabilitation and offender reintegration in situations where race, gender, or culture may prove relevant.

Civil rights: research the preservation of civil rights as juxtaposed to the preservation of public safety, order, and the administration of justice.

Ethnographic studies: investigate crime, violence, substance abuse, and justice system interactions in particular cultural settings; explore the role of race, ethnicity, and culture-specific norms within particular cultural contexts; consider implications for further knowledge development and the development of policies and programmatic responses that take these factors into account.

W.E.B. Du Bois Fellows:

- 2000 — Becky Tatum, Georgia State University, *The Role of Social Support on Adolescent Crime: Identifying Race, Class and Gender Variations* (2000-IJ-CX-0032), $45,343.

- 2001 — Ramiro Martinez, Florida International University, *The Impact of Immigration in Ethnic-Specific Violence: Identifying Individual and Community Characteristics in Miami* (2001-IJ-CX-0012), $61,997.

- 2002 — Valli Kalei Kanuha, University of Hawaii, *Exploring the Construction of Violence Against Women and Children in an Indigenous Cultural Context: Applications of Alternative Justice Strategies in Contemporary Society* (2003-IJ-CX-0002), $76,488.

- 2003 — Ivory Toldson, Southern University, *Evaluating the Predictive and Structural Validity of an Actuarial Method for Screening Civil Liabilities Among Police Officers* (2003-IJ-CX-1006), $74,815.

- 2004 — Johnna Christian, Rutgers University, *Exploring Factors Influencing Family Members' Connections to Incarcerated Individuals* (2004-IJ-CX-0043), $78,767.

- 2005 — Eric Stewart, University of Missouri, St. Louis, *The Impact of Race, Structure, Discrimination, and Culture on Youth Violence: A Multilevel Longitudinal Investigation* (2005-IJ-CX-0035), $75,237.

- 2006 — Amy Farrell and Geoff Ward, Northeastern University, *The Contextual Significance of Courtroom Workgroup Racial Diversity to Crime Case Outcomes* (2006 IJ-CX-0009), $75,523.

- 2007 – To be determined.

What will *not* be funded:

1. Provision of training or direct service.
2. Proposals primarily to purchase equipment, materials, or supplies. (Your budget may include these items if they are necessary to conduct applied research, development,

demonstration, evaluation, or analysis, but NIJ does not fund proposals that are primarily to purchase equipment.)
3. Work that will be funded under another specific solicitation.

Cost of proposed work: NIJ anticipates that up to $75,000 may become available for an award made through this solicitation. All NIJ awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. NIJ expects to make one award depending on funds available and the number of high-quality applications. If you propose a project that exceeds the amount of money that may be available for this solicitation, we recommend that you divide the project into phases, stages, or tasks so that NIJ can consider making an award for a specific portion of the work. NIJ cannot guarantee that subsequent phases, stages, or tasks will be funded. Such additional funding depends on NIJ's resources and your satisfactory completion of each phase, stage, or task. Note: Deliverables (e.g., a final report) will be required at the end of each phase, stage, or task.

A grant made by NIJ under this solicitation may account for up to 100 percent of the total cost of the project. See "Cofunding," under "What an Application Must Include."

Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

Objective	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
Develop and analyze information and data having clear implications for criminal justice policy and practice.	1. Relevance to the needs of the field as measured by whether the grantee's substantive scope did not deviate from the funded proposal or any subsequent agency modifications to the scope. 2. Quality of the research as assessed by peer reviewers. 3. Quality of management as measured by whether significant interim project milestones were achieved, final deadlines were met, and costs remained within approved limits.	1. A final report providing a comprehensive overview of the project and a detailed description of the project design, data, and methods; a full presentation of scientific findings; and a thorough discussion of the implications of the project findings for criminal justice practice and policy. 2. Quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, and a final progress report.

How to Apply

DOJ is participating in the e-Government initiative, one of 25 initiatives included in the President's Management Agenda. Part of this initiative—Grants.gov—is a "one-stop storefront" that provides a unified process for all customers of Federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding.

Grants.gov Instructions: Complete instructions can be found at http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp. If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1–800–518–4726.

CFDA Number: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.566, titled "W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program 2008," and the Grants.gov funding opportunity number is 2007–NIJ–1598.

A DUNS number is required: The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for Federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving Federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1–866–705–5711 or by applying online at http://www.dnb.com/us. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

What an Application Must Include

Standard Form 424

Program Narrative

The Program Narrative includes:

a. Abstract (not to exceed 400 words).
b. Table of contents.
c. Main body, which includes:
    - Purpose, goals, and objectives.
    - Review of relevant literature.
    - Research design and methods.
    - Implications for policy and practice.
    - Management plan and organization.
    - Dissemination strategy, including plans to prepare reports suitable for publication by NIJ that present the results and policy implications of research conducted during the Fellowship.
    - An indication whether the applicant intends to spend a period of residence at NIJ.
d. Appendixes (not counted against program narrative page limit) include:
    - Bibliography/References (if applicable).
    - List of key personnel (required).

- Résumés of key personnel (required).
- List of previous and current NIJ awards (required).
- Letters of cooperation/support from colleagues and host institutions collaborating in the project, particularly if the Fellowship involves a term of residency at another institution (if applicable).
- Chart for timeline, research calendar, or milestones (required).
- Other materials required by the solicitation.

Budget Detail Worksheet
Templates for filling out the Budget Detail Worksheet may be found online at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget_fillable.pdf, OJP Standard Forms & Instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Comptroller's Customer Service Center at 1–800–458–0786.

Budget Narrative

Indirect Rate Agreement (if applicable)
Applicants that do not have a federally negotiated indirect cost rate and wish to establish one can submit a proposal to their "cognizant" Federal agency. Generally, the cognizant federal agency is the agency that provides the preponderance of direct federal funding. This can be determined by reviewing an organization's schedule of federal financial assistance. If DOJ is your cognizant federal agency, obtain information needed to submit an indirect cost rate proposal at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/oc/indirectcosts.htm.

Other Program Attachments
These include several forms, available on OJP's funding page at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/forms.htm.

Page limit: The program narrative section of your proposal must not exceed 30 double-spaced pages in 12-point font with 1-inch margins. Abstract, table of contents, charts, figures, appendixes, and government forms do not count toward the 30-page limit for the narrative section.

Cofunding: A grant made by NIJ under this solicitation may account for up to 100 percent of the total cost of the project. You must indicate whether you believe it is feasible for you to contribute cash, facilities, or services as non-Federal support for the project. Your proposal should identify generally any such contributions that you expect to make and your proposed budget should indicate in detail which items, if any, will be supported with non-Federal contributions.

Selection Criteria

Successful applicants must demonstrate the following:

Understanding of the problem, its importance, and its relevance to the work of W.E.B. Du Bois.

Quality and technical merit.
1. Awareness of the state of current research or technology.
2. Soundness of methodology and analytic and technical approach.

3. Feasibility of proposed project and awareness of pitfalls.
4. Innovation and creativity (when appropriate).

Impact of the proposed project.

1. Potential for significant advances in scientific or technical understanding of the problem.
2. Potential for significant advances in the field.
3. Relevance for improving the policy and practice of criminal justice and related agencies and improving public safety, security, and quality of life.
4. Affordability and cost-effectiveness of proposed end products, when applicable (e.g., purchase price and maintenance costs for a new technology or cost of training to use the technology).
5. Perceived potential for commercialization and/or implementation of a new technology (when applicable).

Capabilities, demonstrated productivity, and experience of applicants.

1. Qualifications and experience of proposed staff.
2. Demonstrated ability of proposed staff and organization to manage the effort.
3. Adequacy of the plan to manage the project, including how various tasks are subdivided and resources are used.
4. Successful past performance on NIJ grants and contracts (when applicable).

Budget.

1. Total cost of the project relative to the perceived benefit.
2. Appropriateness of the budget relative to the level of effort.
3. Use of existing resources to conserve costs.

Dissemination strategy.

1. Well-defined plan for the grant recipient to disseminate results to appropriate audiences, including researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.
2. Suggestions for print and electronic products NIJ might develop for practitioners and policymakers.

Relevance of the project for policy and practice:
Higher quality proposals clearly explain the practical implications of the project. They connect technical expertise with criminal justice policy and practice. To ensure that the project has strong relevance for policy and practice, some researchers and technologists collaborate with practitioners and policymakers. You may include letters showing support from practitioners, but they carry less weight than clear evidence that you understand why policymakers and practitioners would benefit from your work and how they would use it. While a partnership may affect State or local activities, it should also have broader implications for others across the country.

Review Process

NIJ is firmly committed to the competitive process in awarding grants. All proposals under this solicitation will be subjected to independent peer-review panel evaluations. External peer-review panelists consider both technical and programmatic merits.

Panelists are selected based on their expertise in subject areas pertinent to the proposals.

Peer-review panelists will evaluate proposals using the criteria listed above. NIJ staff then make recommendations to the NIJ Director. The Director makes award decisions.

Reasons for rejection: NIJ may reject applications that are incomplete, do not respond to the scope of the solicitation, do not comply with format requirements, or are submitted after the deadline. No additions to the original submission are allowed.

When awards will be made: All applicants, whether they are accepted or rejected, will be notified. The review and approval process takes about 6 months. You should not propose to begin work until at least 6 months after the proposal deadline on the cover of this solicitation. Also, you should not expect to receive notification of a decision for at least 6 months after that date. Lists of awards are updated regularly on NIJ's Web site at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm.

Additional Requirements

- Civil Rights Compliance
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations
- Anti-Lobbying Act
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance
- DOJ Information Technology Standards
- Single Point of Contact Review
- Non-supplanting of State or Local Funds
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- Compliance with Office of the Comptroller Financial Guide
- Suspension or Termination of Funding
- Non-profit Organizations
- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Rights in Intellectual Property

We strongly encourage you to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting your application. Additional information for each can be found at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm.

If your proposal is funded, you will be required to submit several reports and other materials, including:

Final substantive report: The final report should be a comprehensive overview of the project and should include a detailed description of the project design, data, and methods; a full presentation of scientific findings; and a thorough discussion of the implications of the project findings for criminal justice practice and policy. It must contain an abstract of no more than 400 words and an executive summary of no more than 2,500 words.

A draft of the final report, abstract, and executive summary must be submitted 90 days before the end date of the grant. The draft final report will be peer reviewed upon submission. The reviews will be forwarded to the principal investigator with suggestions for revisions. The author must then submit the revised final report, abstract, and executive summary by the end date of the grant. The abstract, executive summary, and final report must be submitted in both paper and electronic formats.

For program evaluation studies, the final report should include a section on measuring program performance. This section should outline the measures used to evaluate program effectiveness, modifications made to those measures as a result of the evaluation, and recommendations regarding these and other potential performance measures for similar programs. (This information will be particularly valuable to NIJ and other Federal program agencies in implementing performance measures for federally funded criminal justice programs.)

Interim reports: Grantees must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, a final progress report, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent.